

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, A DIVISION OF NORTHWESTERN SERVICES GROUP, INC.	DOCKET NO. CGP-01-10
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION**

(Issued September 13, 2001)

On June 13, 2001, NorthWestern Energy, a division of NorthWestern Services Group, Inc. (NorthWestern), filed an application requesting the issuance of a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider (CNGP) by the Utilities Board (Board). The Board's rules at 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 19.14 establish the filing requirements for the issuance of a certificate. On June 15, 2001, the Board notified NorthWestern that the application was complete and the 90-day review period had begun. The 90-day period will end on September 13, 2001.

Iowa Code § 476.87 prescribes that the Board shall make a determination on an application for certification within 90 days unless the Board determines that additional time is necessary to consider the application. If the Board determines that additional time is necessary, the Board may extend the time for making a determination for an additional 60 days. The Board's staff has questions about the filing that have not yet been answered. The Board, therefore, will extend the time for

making a determination concerning the application an additional 60 days. If the Board completes its review prior to the end of the 60 days, it will make its determination at that time.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The determination concerning the application of NorthWestern Energy, a division of NorthWestern Services Group, Inc., for a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider is extended an additional 60 days to November 13, 2001.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.